TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASTORIA REGATTA and "Home-coming Week" : Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1916

Astoria, Oregon, August 9, 1916.

Dear Friend:

We take pleasure in enclosing you herewith formal invitation to attend and participate in the festivities of the Twenty-first Annual Astoria Regatta, September 1, 2, 3, 4, 1916.

The Regatta Committee this year has designated the above dates as 'Homecoming Week" for all former residents of Astoria and vicinity, and cordially assure you that the people of this city, some of whom are your warm personal friends, unite in this invitation and urge you, if possible, to accept and join with them in a season of reunion and celebration.

Come and gaze once more upon the pioneer city of the Columbia River, founded by John Jacob Astor in 1811, with its matchless harbor and picturesque hills of eternal green.

Come and stand upon the summit of Cockscomb Hill and behold the greatest

view from any city of the world.

Come and get a sniff of the sea-breezes from the greatest of oceans.

Come and look upon a city being transformed from a village built on piling, to a modern metropolis with hard-surfaced streets and all up-to-date conveniences.

Come and see the great new Port of Astoria and Railway Docks -- not excelled

on the Pacific Coast.

Come and see the numbers of new ships in course of construction at busy shipyards -- the vanguard of a great fleet. See other big manufacturing enterprises now building.

Come and see the greatest salmon canneries in the world; the busy clam-

canning plants; the thousands of fishing boats.

Come and see the largest lumber mills in the world, with their ocean-car-

riers, distributing products to the world's markets.

More than that -- come and look into the faces of the friends of past years and visit in the sacred bonds of neighborliness. Astoria will give you a hand-clasp of affection, and extend to you its unstinted hospitality.

The early September days are the most beautiful of the year -- when our skies are bluest, our hills most gorgeous, our mighty ocean and matchless

rivers most entrancing.

Will you come? Write us at once and tell us how many and the names of your party, with the date of your last residence in Astoria or vicinity.

Cordially yours,

ASTORIA REGATTA COMMITTEE

F. C. HARLEY Chairman.